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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S MARRIED LIFE.
LONDON, March 25.
According to Los Angeles advices, Charlie Chaplin is likely soon to appear in the divorce court. It is stated his wife will press suit for divorce on charges of nonsupport and cruelty.

DEMPSEY.
LONDON, March 25.
The boxer Dempsey pleaded not guilty to a charge of evading the draft. He was released on large bail. The trial is fixed for April 2.

A PATRIOTIC MURDER.
LONDON, March 22.
A band of armed and masked men broke into the residence of the lord mayor of Cork who was a Sinn Feiner, and shot him dead with a revolver on the morning of March 20. They then decamped in a motorcar.

CORK, March 20.
The deceased Alderman MacCurtain was in his bedroom when the raiders entered and called him out to the landing. They fired two shots from a revolver, both entering his chest. MacCurtain died in a few minutes. It is stated that MacCurtain was a prominent Sinn Feiner. He was interned after the Easter week rebellion.

CHEAPER BUNKER COAL.
LONDON, March 20.
The Times states that the South Wales collieries have agreed to supply bunker coals for shipping at substantially lower prices, approximating an average reduction of forty shillings per ton on the ruling price at port London, namely, 155 shillings, which will likely be reduced correspondingly. The reductions commence on April 1 and are applicable to all shipping.

THE BOAT RACE.
LONDON, March 20.
Both boat-race crews are showing excellent form. Oxford did the full course trial to-day in twenty minutes and one second.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.
WASHINGTON, March 20.
Preparatory to the final vote on the ratification of the League of Nations, the Senate adopted a modified preamble not requiring affirmative acceptance to the reservations by the Entente.

WASHINGTON, March 20.
The Senate rejected the treaty ratification resolution upon the necessary two-thirds majority not being obtained. The voting was 49 for, and 35 against ratification. Thereafter a resolution was adopted returning the treaty to the President and intimating the Senate's refusal to ratify.

CANADA TO HAVE NAVY.
A PRESENT FROM MOTHERLAND.
OTTAWA, March 20.

According to Admiral Jellicoe's report, the British Government is prepared to present Canada with a fleet worth \$16,500,000, pre-war value, comprising one light-cruiser, four destroyers, eight patrol boats, one flotilla leader, eight submarines and four minesweepers. This will require 1,500 officers and men. Canada has 500 trained men and a sufficiency of juniors. Seniors will probably be borrowed from the Royal Navy. The annual expenditure will be about \$5,000,000. Eventually new cruisers will be constructed in Canada.

LANCASHIRE MILL HANDS
WANT 60 PER CENT MORE.
LONDON, March 20.

It is reported that the weaving operatives of Lancashire are demanding an increase of sixty per cent. over present wages. About 200,000 operatives are concerned.

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, March 20.
The Republican Senator Newberry has been convicted of corruption, fraud and conspiracy in connection with his election and sentenced to two years imprisonment. Sixteen other politicians were sentenced to various fines and terms of imprisonment.

Following the conviction, Newberry made a statement that he was conscious of no criminal conduct and unless his political associates deemed it inadvisable he should continue to represent in the Senate the people who had elected him. The foregoing accords with despatches from Washington declaring that the Republican leaders are not disposed to declare Newberry's seat vacant pending the result of an appeal.

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, March 19.
After two conferences between the French mineowners and the men's delegates, an agreement was reached by arbitration by the Minister of Public Works. The coal strike is ended.

Subscriptions to the French loan close to-morrow. The Finance Minister notes big subscriptions during the last days.

The outstanding feature of the latest meeting of the council of ambassadors was the consideration of the report by Marshal Foch regarding the continuance by the Germans of the sale of war material, prohibited by the Versailles terms. It is believed that no action will be taken on the matter on account of the present unsettled conditions in Germany, but as soon as a definite government is in control, the matter will be brought sharply to the attention of those in power.

EXPLORATION OF NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, March 25.
The Geographical Society has awarded the Cuthbert Peek grant to A. W. Pearson Chinnery, to assist him to continue his work in the unexplored parts of New Guinea.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
BRITAIN'S MILITARY PROBLEMS.

LONDON, March 23rd.
In the House of Commons in the Committee stage of the Army Estimates, several speakers strongly advocated the establishment of a joint Imperial General Staff to deal with matters relating to the defence of the Empire.

Major the Hon. W. Ormsby Gore suggested that, in view of our new commitments under the League of Nations, we ought to have new organisations under the War Office for the purpose of advising and preparing for the defence of the new territories.

Mr. Churchill pointed out that the Committee of Imperial Defence was a great instrument whereby the Prime Minister asserted his views and exercised responsibility over the whole field of military politics. The Committee of Imperial Defence would certainly endure, but it was a mistake to suppose that any Committee could breach the gulf between the Services. If the gulf is to be bridged between the Army and the Navy it will only be by building up over a number of years a breed or brand of officers trained in a common Staff College where they acquire a common body of doctrine dealing with the study of war as a whole. The development of such a body of officers was far more urgent than any question of uniting Ministries under one head. He intimated that as far as the War Office was concerned they would push forward the idea of a Joint Staff with a Joint Staff College with the utmost energy.

MR. CHURCHILL IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
Mr. Churchill said that the situation in the Middle East was very anxious, but so far it was not so formidable in practice as it seemed in prospect. Nevertheless, the situation was acute. As regards Mesopotamia there were three causes for anxiety: (1) The Turkish Nationalist movement under Mustapha Kemal; (2) the Arabs who have been disturbed by the occupation of Syria and are now inclined, for the first time in many ways, to make common cause with the Turkish Nationalists; and (3) the Bolsheviks. The destruction of anti-Bolshevik forces was proceeding to a very marked extent, and very soon the Bolshevik military power would extend over the whole of those great regions north of the Caucasus and beyond the Caspian quite unchecked by any Russian force. With the fall of the Caspian Sea, which must occur, when the ice on the Volga melted and the Bolsheviks could descend the river, the Bolsheviks will be in close touch with the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Georgia and also with the hostile forces under Mustapha Kemal. On military grounds this junction was formidable. He thought it was probable that the Bolsheviks would use their advantage to spread their propaganda as widely as possible rather than follow it up in a strictly military sense. Therefore, it was obvious that the whole position in the Middle East causes great anxiety and requires the maintenance of strong forces there. He hoped, however, that it would be possible to effect economy in that theatre in the course of the year by holding Mesopotamia primarily through the agency of the air rather than military forces. We could not continue holding the country and spending fifteen to twenty million yearly on it. He did not see why British statescraft should be bankrupt in Mesopotamia when it had been so successful in other parts. He quoted the Sudan as an example where there was only one White battalion, while in the whole of West Africa there was not a single White battalion. He was not prepared to propose that we should march about Mesopotamia, holding the people down by military force, nor had he ever pretended that when we received the mandate we should immediately occupy and dominate every square mile of country on the first day. Other methods must be devised if we were to continue to keep Mesopotamia. He quoted as an instance the process in West Africa where British political influence gradually permeated the whole country and brought great areas under successful control. That was the line on which they were working now regarding Mesopotamia.

Mr. Churchill, referring to Germany, said that the state of affairs there was causing the greatest anxiety. From a military standpoint it ought to be the policy of the Government by all means in its power to enable the Moderate German Government to maintain itself as a living entity under its regime and under its organisation for productive activities so as to enable the prosperity of the German people to revive.

BATTLE CLASPS.
LONDON, March 23rd.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill stated that the question of battle clasps was being investigated, and he thought that ten named battle clasps ought to cover the men in France and two or three for other theatres. They had to deal with six to seven million medals. He could not undertake that the medals should be kept back until the clasps had been completed.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

NEWPORT NEWS, March 23rd.
Mr. Daniels attended the launching of the Super-Dreadnought Maryland, the largest vessel in the United States Navy with a displacement of 32,950 tons. Her armament includes eight record-breaking 16-in. guns.

TRUSTS IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.
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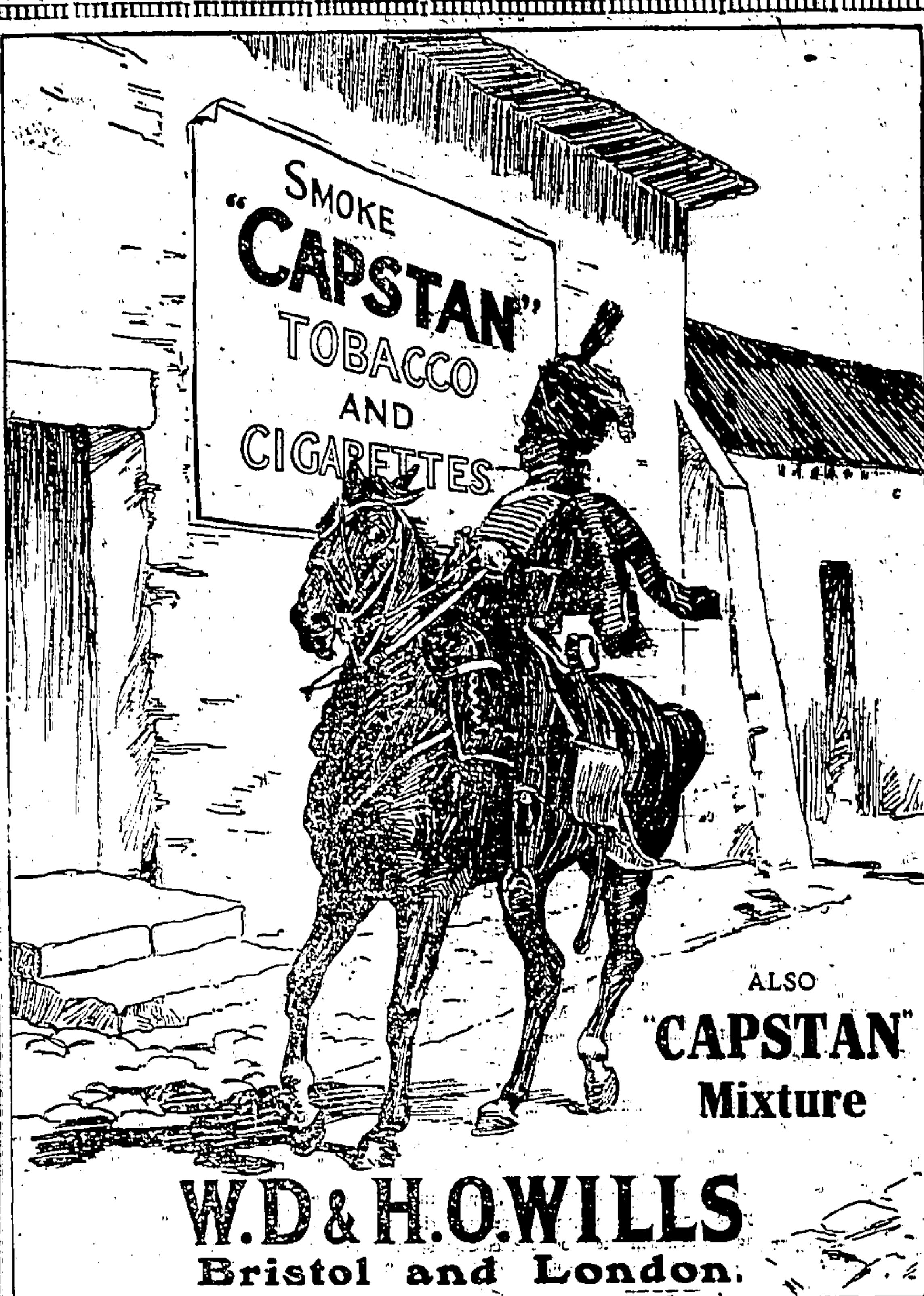
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Julius Caesar and dated only from the
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Italian province, the centuries during
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Roman Britain in a few brief sen-
tences, is characteristic of the philo-
germanism of the Victorian Age. What
shall we say of an historian who
regards the centuries when this
country, owing to the penetration of
Italian civilisation and culture,
enjoyed a period of peace and pros-
perity and progress such as one may
vainly seek in her subsequent annals,
who regards these centuries, I say,
as a period of alien despotism, of the
crushing of local independence, of
disunion and decay?"Tacitus remarks that since rude
and warlike peoples are tamed by
the practice of the liberal arts and
by the refinements of pleasure,
Agricola induced the British to settle
down calmly by the expenditure of
public money in building temples,
fine houses, fora, and in exciting
their emulation in the arts of peace.
"Let us have done with theories
and accept the fact that for centuries
this island of ours was a province
of Italy, a partaker of the immense
majestas Romanae Pacis. Let us try
to estimate, not causes or origins,
but the extent and depth of Italian
penetration. The evidence is of
course largely archaeological and in-
scriptural.
"Thanks to researches printed and
illustrated in the proceedings of local
antiquarian societies, in the volumes
of Archaeologia, and more especially
in Professor Haverfield's Romanisa-
tion of Roman Britain, we are able
to prove how thoroughly the Italian
administrator and the Italian school-
master had incorporated the Briti-people into the imperial political and
social organism.**THE STORY OF SILCHESTER.**"I have in my time been particu-
larly interested, on account of vocali-
cal calls, in the excavations of the old
buried Roman town at Silchester,
near Reading; the remains of its
forum, its temples, its basilica, its inn
just inside the south gate, its am-
phitheatre outside the eastern postern,
its chess board streets. The contribu-
tion of Silchester to the history
of Italo-British culture is of the
highest importance. Not St. Austin,
not Pope Gregory with his Non angli
sed angeli, was the first introducer
of Christianity to this island. Cen-
turies before Austin landed in the
Isle of Thanet, centuries before the
barbarian Angles set foot in Britain,
Italian missionaries had introduced
Christian worship into Britain.Limiting ourselves to Silchester
(Calleva Atrebatum), not because it
is exceptional, but because it has been
most methodically excavated and
searched, there can be no doubt that
the public language of the town was
Latin, that the speech of the com-
mon people was Latin, that working
classes used Latin at their work and
to express their playful jokes at each
other's expense, that the population
used Latin and no other language in
speaking and in writing, that the
whole civic atmosphere of the place
was Italianised."When the native language of Bri-
tain disappeared, says Mommsen, it
gave way to the English; or the
Saxon language, but to the Roman
language. The labourers and ser-
vants of Calleva, says Professor
Haverfield, must be sought among
the native population, and the graffiti
testify that that population wrote
Latin. There are abundant evidences
that the labouring man in Roman
days knew how to read and write at
need, and there is reason to believe
that in the lands ruled by Rome
education was better understood
under the Empire than at any time
from its fall to the nineteenth
century."The evidence of the graffiti in
Silchester is conclusive. Here is a
fired brickmaker scrawling on his
last tile for the day. Satis! An-
other proudly writes, Clementinus
facit tabulam. An amatory tile
worker inscribes a sentence ending
in puellam. Bricks are dated by the
Roman calendar, and cursive writing,
probably part of a writing lesson,
says Professor Haverfield, ends in a
Virgilian line, Conticuisse omnes.
Here is a London brickmaker chiv-
ing his slacker mate—Australis goes
off on his own, daily, for a fortnight;
and a Leicester man scratches Primus
fact X. Not far from where I now
speak, at an Italian country house at
Ickleton in southeast Cambridgeshire,
a potter's vessel has been found
bearing the legend below the lip, Ex
has amicitia bibunt. I need not multiply
examples. The general result is
clear, says Professor Haverfield.
Latin was employed freely in the
towns of Britain.**OUR ROMAN HABITS.**"The evidence from the material
comforts and luxuries of life is even
more conclusive. Towns were laid
out on the Italian pattern; markets,
baths, temples, houses are Italian,
modified by climate; the external
fabric of life was as Roman as the
speech. Heating apparatus, water
supply, rooms with their mosaic
floors, their painted stucco walls,
are all Italian, poorer in artistic
quality than those at Pompeii, but
similar in style and character—Or-
pheus with his lute, Appollo and
Daphne, Diana and Actaeon. The
very fittings are borrowed from
Italian sources. Nay, more, as we
should expect, the life of the British
peasant by cultural attraction took
on an Italian character. From his
Italian neighbour the British peasant
learned to eat and drink from Samian
dishes and glass cups, and to keep
his linen in wooden chests of drawers.
To these men, says Professor Haver-
field, the Roman objects they used
were the ordinary environment
of life. You may search in vain
for vestiges of native art, the plan of
the villages, the forms of their poor
cottages are native, but the art is
Roman—everywhere the monotonous
Roman culture meets the eye."No one stood more faithfully by
Rome, says Mommsen, than the men
of Britain: it was not Britain that
gave up Rome; it was Rome that
gave up Britain. The period that
followed the departure of the Roman
legions may indeed be termed the
Dark Ages—dark, impenetrable. Nei-
ther historian nor archaeologist has
been able to fill the gap between the
middle of the fifth century and the
Saxon settlement. I always look
back with a vain longing to pierce
those centuries of tragic gloom when
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"ERIN"

as she now lies off Ah King's Slipway.
Further particulars and inspecting
orders may be obtained from the under-
signed.

Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 20, 1920.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

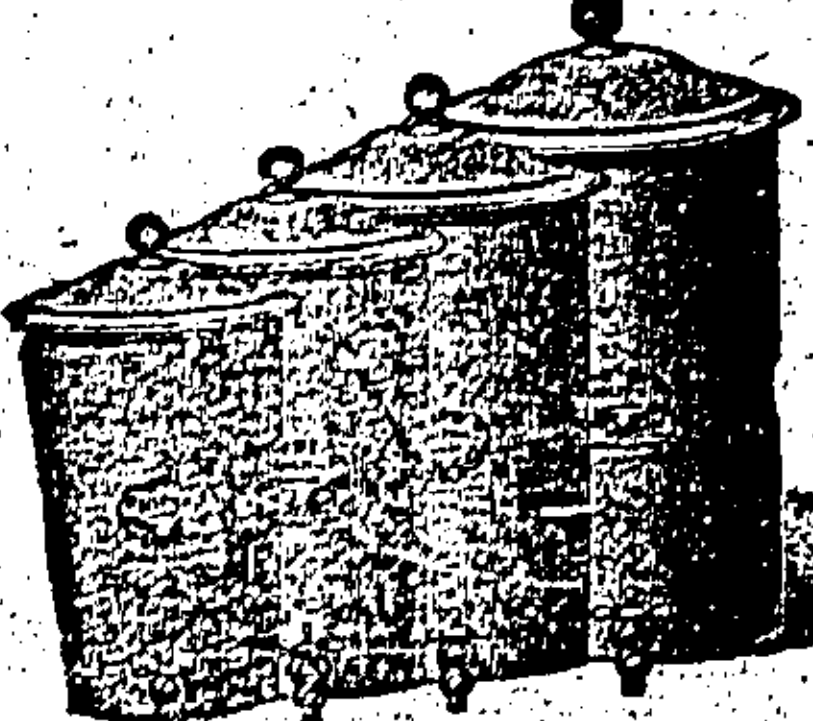
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for counter-signature, and take im-
mediate delivery from alongside steamer
or the Company's Godown, where all
cargo impeding immediate discharge will
be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on
cargo remaining undelivered after
Wednesday, 30th instant.
All broken, chafed and damaged
packages will be landed into the Com-
pany's Godown, where same will be
examined, on Wednesday, 30th inst.
at 11 a.m.
No claims will be recognized after
the goods have left the steamer or
Godown and none will be entertained if
presented later than three weeks after
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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Offices of the
Company, St. George's Building, No.
6 Connaught Road on SATURDAY,
the 27th March, 1920, at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1919, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Audi-
tors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY the 20th March, 1920,
until SATURDAY, the 27th March,
1920, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES, & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 10, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of Shareholders will be
held in the Office of the Company, 2
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, 27th March, 1920, at
10 a.m. for consideration of the Di-
rectors' Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

THE SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 19th to the 27th March, 1920,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager
Hongkong, March 15, 1920.

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT
CLUB.

THE CLOSING CRUISE of the
season will take place on SUN-
DAY, March 28th to an anchorage off
Chung Hui Island.

A Luncheon for Members and Friends
will leave Statue Wharf at 10 a.m.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of FREDERICK
ENDELL ROSEER, M.S.A.
Architect and Civil Engineer, late
of Nos. 38 & 40, Queen's Road
Central, (deceased).

WILL all persons having Claims
against the above Estate kindly
send in same to the undersigned
immediately.

G. R. HAYWOOD,
Solicitor,
No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, March 20, 1920.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be
held in the Club House on MONDAY,
March 29th, 1920, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. H. P. HAY,
Chairman.
Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the Members of
the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the
Club House, Connaught Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the
Twenty-Ninth day of March, 1920,
immediately after the Yearly General
Meeting, when a Resolution as detailed
in the notice exhibited in the Club
House will be proposed as an Extra-
ordinary Resolution.

Should the Resolution be passed by
the required majority it will be sub-
mitted for confirmation as a Special
Resolution to a second Extraordinary
General Meeting which will be subse-
quently convened.

Dated the 19th day of March, 1920.

By Order of the General Committee,

C. H. P. HAY,
Chairman.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS
& DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the
Members of the ASSOCIATION
OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF
HONGKONG will be held on TUES-
DAY, March 30th, 1920, at 4 p.m. pre-
cisely in the CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK
BUILDING, for the following
purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Ac-
counts of the Committee for the
year ended 31st December, 1919.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 14, 1920.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. R. HAYWOOD,
Solicitor.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the
Sale by Public Auction to be
held on MONDAY, the 29th day of
March, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Office of
the Public Works Department, by Order of
His Excellency the Governor, of ONE LOT
OF CROWN LAND at Shaikwan,
in the Colony of Hongkong for a term
of 75 years, with the option of renewal
at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the
Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for
one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Sale.	Register No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Area.	Area.	Area.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.	6.
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10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.	10.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions from Messrs. THORESEN
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"WEEPING STATUE."

MAGIC AND MIRACLES.

VERDICT AND SENTENCE.

Judgment was delivered recently
in the so-called sorcery trial, in which
a police official, a stockbroker, an
orchestra conductor, and a bank clerk
were accused of having assaulted a
Syrian priest named Sapoungli. All
four were sentenced to three months'
imprisonment, with the benefit of
the First Offenders Act, and a joint
fine of 500*l*.

The case was one in which
miracles, sorcery, and witchcraft all
figured. The defendants, however,
were not accused of magic, but, as
stated above, of assault. It was the
plaintiff whose alleged dealings in
sorcery led the four accused to do
him bodily hurt. The defendants
were accused by the plaintiff, the
Abbe Sapoungli, describing himself
as a former Vice-General of Syria,
of having had resort to assault and
violence in order to extort from him
certain documents relative to a
miraculous figure known as "Weep-
ing Virgin."

A certain Madame Maria Mesmin
had this wonderful statue of the
Virgin in her possession. The bank
clerk, giving evidence in the
preliminary, stated that he had seen
the statue and that there was no
doubt that it wrought real tears, which
could be collected in a little vase for
the cure of the sick. But this was
not the end of the miracle, for the
tears in the vase increased until they
overflowed, when, being transferred to
a large glass, they still swelled until
several vessels were full. Such a
miracle drew around Madame Mesmin
a large following. In 1914 the Abbe
Sapoungli paid a visit to Madame
Mesmin, who, so it is stated, not only
made him welcome, but deprived her-
self in order that he might be clothed
and provided for. The abbe is declared
to have repaid her kindness by the
endeavour to get into his own hands
the sums accruing from the
"miracles" of the weeping Virgin.

Finally, on account of unprincipled
conduct, the abbe was sent to
Nantes by order of the ecclesiastical
authorities, who also ordered that
the Weeping Virgin should be taken
to a Franciscan convent, where, ever
since, her eyes have been dry.

From the day that Sapoungli
arrived at Nantes Madame Mesmin
declared herself to be the victim of a
Satanic persecution. An invisible
mouth bit her and left the traces of
his teeth on her cheek. The most
terrible suffering and temptations
assailed her including a homicidal
tendency, on account of which it was
found necessary to keep her shut up.

She was convinced that all this was
due to the evil influence of the abbe,
who, she said, had a magnetic power
over her since she fell into a mes-
meric sleep in his presence. Further,
she declared that in her house
Sapoungli had celebrated Black
Masses, for which he employed the
blood of toads and other unclean
animals, and also a nude female
figure made in wax.

In order to put an end to the per-
secution endured by Madame Mes-
min, the four defendants decided to
go to Nantes to force Sapoungli to
return certain papers relating to Our
Lady of Tears, alleged to have been
stolen by him, and also to destroy
his instruments of sorcery. They
armed themselves with spiritual and
temporal weapons, and after an early
morning Mass, invaded the abbe's
sanctuary. Their temporal arms in-
cluded a dog-whip, a rubber tube filled
with lead shot, a horse-whip, and
handcuffs, the last provided by the
police inspector. The struggle
lasted some three-quarters of an
hour, the "magician" putting up a
vigorous resistance, even endeavouring
to use a knife, but at last, smarting
and bound on the floor he gave up
the keys of his desk. In this
were found 631 letters and a
number of articles which, it
was supposed, he used in
his sorceries, but no trace of
the wax figure was discovered. The
four spell-breakers then left, and
when witnesses, who had heard the
noise from the passage outside, en-
tered, they found Sapoungli lying
on the floor and bleeding from his
wounds. It was at this precise mo-
ment, according to Madame Mesmin,
that she ceased to suffer from the
spell which had been cast over her.

Such are the facts upon which two
eminent French judges were called
upon to give judgment.—*Daily Tele-
graph*.

LIFE ON THE LINKS.

This note has been thought out
and is written mostly for the guidance
of paterfamilias, mater-familias, amah,
boy, et hoc genus omne who have ever
had or may have anything to do on
or with a golf course. It is published
largely in the hope that it may warn
mater-familias, who has golfing ten-
dencies as well as her family, of dan-
gers which some of her kind are court-
ing with easy temerity every day. If
golf were not a game it would be
scheduled as one of the dangerous
trades, for among the effects it has
had upon humanity may be number-
ed that of making honest men dis-
honest, truthful men liars (though
in this it hardly rivals Isaac Wal-
ton's art), and decent men loquax
clowns. But these are nothing com-
pared with the shock it might give
to posterity, but for the kindly pro-

MUST THE TURK GO BACK TO ASIA?

FRENCH DOUBTS.

"THE SULTAN MUST NOT BE
DRIVEN OUT."

In the renewed Peace Conference
there is one paramount issue: What
is going to happen to Constantinople?
It cannot be denied that there has
been some difference between the
British Premier's public statement
and the views prevalent in France.
The British Premier stated definitely
that the same porter can no longer
hold the gate. This can only mean
that, in his view, the Turks must not
remain in Europe.

French official opinion previously
was more or less in agreement with
this. But recent events, especially
in connection with Syria and Egypt,
have made the French gravely
doubt the advisability of causing
renewed agitation and discontent
among the Mussulman races.

In Syria, which is now being
divided up provisionally between the
French and the new Arab kingdom,
the relations between the two are
still very delicate. It is thought
that it would not take much to fan
the flame of Mahomedan fanaticism
in Egypt or Morocco.

The more influential French papers
have been lately very emphatic in
arguing that the Allies must not be
rushed off their feet by hasty deci-
sions on questions of this magnitude.

IN FAVOUR OF DELAY.

The crux of the matter is this:
elections take place throughout
France for the Senate. The Senate
and the Chamber of Deputies to-
gether elect the next President. By
custom the Ministry resigns in order
to give the President a fair start.

In this case, resignation is also
necessary because it is certain that
Clemenceau will be elected President
and will accept in favour of the Con-
stantinople decision being held over
until the new regime has got fairly
to work. In their view this is the
fair game to play.

Mr. Lloyd George will hold in the
new conference an authority of an
altogether exceptional nature. This
is partly due to the fact that Amer-
ican influence, paramount at former
stages of the conference owing to
the remarkable personality of Pres-
ident Wilson has been practically
withdrawn.

M. Clemenceau's prestige is as
high as ever it was. As President,
he is bound to remain to some extent
the *deus ex machina*, but as Pres-
ident of the Republic he cannot also
be president of the conference.

By the laws of courtesy the new
president should be a Frenchman,
but he need not necessarily be the
French Premier. The next Ministry
will probably be formed by the very
able and strong-minded M. Millerand,
but it is at least possible that some
other Frenchman of European pre-
stige, such as M. Jonnart, might be
selected to preside at the conference.

GROUND TO BE CLEARED.

M. Millerand has never been in
charge of foreign affairs. The
change may well increase Mr. Lloyd
George's authority.

At the same time it cannot be
denied that, owing to many causes,
including his loss of authority
recently with his own electorate, the
British Premier is not being received
with as good a press as that to
which he has hitherto been
accustomed, and French opinion
inclines to the view that the first
discussion of the conference should
be devoted to clearing the ground and
settling such matters as Finance.
There should then be plenty of time,
after the establishment of a new
Ministry, for Mr. Lloyd George and
the conference to arrive at a decision
about Constantinople.

The *Temps*, after reference to the
Adriatic, which, it declares, is the
first problem before the Allied states-
men, says: "From the extreme Right
to the extreme Left the French Press
have expressed on Constantinople
unanimous views of French public
opinion."

"The Sultan and the Turkish
Government must not be driven from
their capital."

vidence which looks after children
and certain other creatures. Except
for this providence there might be a
death roll from golf here as there
has been in other places, and there
would be nobody to blame but mater-
familias. For this is the sort of
thing which is liable to happen
these nice spring mornings on a
place such as the Race Course.

Numbers of people go out to play
among them being materfamilias
with her offspring. Offspring knows
nothing about golf, obviously mater-
familias not a great deal more.
Offspring wanders all over the place,
digging in the bunkers and making
mud pies or fishing in the water
mud pies, sometimes as much as 100
yards from the previous generation.
Any morning a careless golfer,
or one short-sighted, may
come along, give a great hefty thump
to a ball and damage the young
generation to a very considerable
extent. Probably materfamilias does
not know that a golf ball is fatal at
quite a long range if she did she
would not allow offspring to wander
at large, and she and her family
would be rather more popular on the
golf course.—*N. C. Daily News*.

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U.S. AND U.S.

It is so important to both that Americans and British should be good friends, that all attempts in good faith to clear away misunderstandings must be encouraged. The good understanding desired has to be preceded by goodwill, and at present the goodwill seems lacking on both sides. Comments and criticisms based on prejudice and want of real knowledge become pinpricks that aggravate bad relations. There are Americans whom it is an honour and a pleasure to meet, and there are Americans who are quite good men, and there are British who would be better dead. Why should we judge other nations by their worst specimens? It happens, however, that as between Americans and British there is very little judgment as a basis for the unpleasant feelings that produce the uncomplimentary "opinions" we hear of. Jealousy (mere xenophobia) operates, and we hear America's "standard ships" described as unseaworthy merely because they are not British. We hear the British sneered at for servility to kings and their parasites, whereas the majority of the British are republican in sentiment, although the Americans do not know that. In the same way the British people have erroneous ideas of the American home life, about as true to facts as Fenimore Cooper's descriptions of the American Indians. It will be a pity if the British take Admiral Sims' recent disclosures as indicating the existence of more ill-feeling towards them than actually exists. There is some (any observant traveller will see it) but there is hardly any more than is to be found in any country towards foreigners generally. To some extent the method of teaching history in American schools has confirmed and spread it, but that is being altered. It is interesting to observe how the New York Nation explains the "anything but cordial" regard of Americans for the British. Instead of regretting it, getting hot about it, we should ask ourselves if we have not in some of our political and trade activities laid ourselves open to misunderstanding. It is the Irish Question. That is only a drop in the bucket. Besides,

in that case we think pro-Irish Americans forget that in objecting to an Irish Republic the British are in exactly the same boat as the Northerners who fought to prevent the Southerners from seceding. There is India, which has worried Americans ever since W. J. Bryan wrote his book about his journey round the world. Of this the Nation says: "It is a country of more than 300,000,000 people, held in subjection to Great Britain by military force, exploited for the benefit of manufacturers, merchants, and bankers in the British Isles, and administered by a highly organized civil service the chief places in which are the perquisites of the British aristocracy. The cold-blooded massacre of some hundreds of natives at Amritsar the other day—the most atrocious piece of wholesale killing of defenseless people that the twentieth century has yet chronicled—is only the most recent illustration of a policy which has characterized British rule in India." The paper then discusses our imperialistic methods and position generally, and touches on the way in which British merchants "beat them to it" in the matter of trade with Russia, after protestations that they wouldn't. It accuses our statesmen, not without reason, of "backing and filling" to give our financiers time, and goes on: "That there is in England a large body of liberal opinion which hates and loathes all this dishonesty and time-serving and which strives earnestly to bring about a better state of things, we gladly concede. For everything in the English temper that is fine, generous, and truth-loving there is and should be, in American liberal circles, full and hearty recognition. But when, as of late, an influential section of the British Press affects concern over the widening breach between England and America, the only proper answer is to cite the facts." It observes that Great Britain, with the interest on its American loans deferred, is shielding profiteers, haggling about economies in departmental expenditures, and planning huge outlays on its army, its navy, and its air service. It realizes that imperial Britain holds more dependent people in its grip than any imperial state that the world has ever known, and that, for the great mass of its subjects, the imperial bond is not love, but force. It is because those who rule Great Britain to-day do not seem to believe very earnestly in political freedom and good government, and often do not practice them when money or advantage are at stake, that the American democracy feels

distrust, and will continue to feel it until the present state of things is changed. It would be unreasonable to expect Americans to see our doings as we see them, and we must admit, if we are truth-loving, that we never attempt to see theirs as they see them. The most likely way to approach that desirable insight is to see ourselves as they see us, without annoyance, and to ask ourselves if it is not after all possible that we are not always in the right. We need not and should not plead guilty to everything alleged against us, but we should dispassionately ask ourselves if some of it is not deserved. The answer will affect our behaviour and attitude towards them, and ultimately our relations.

ADVERSARIA.

Last night's Kindergarten Chat says that "public sentiment is, in the main, entirely in agreement with the proposal to put a \$300,000 monument on our \$800,000 site. THAT IS A LIE. Test it for yourself, by asking all you meet. Count the ayes and noes. The noes have it."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 1d.

The Weyerhaeuser Sales Co. controlling eleven lumber mills has cut the prices of lumber from ten to thirty per cent in an effort to stabilize the market.

There will be a special rehearsal for the forthcoming Oratorio in St. John's Cathedral on Monday next at 6 p.m.; the final rehearsal will be on Thursday, at the same hour. It is hoped all these helping will make a point of attending on both occasions.

Sergt. Major H. W. Nows, R.E., caught a Chinese in the Barrack latrine trying to steal a brass tap. He had a spanner. Inspector Kent mentioned a previous conviction. Magistrate Hutchison said something about six weeks' hard. That's all.

Charged before Mr. Smith this morning with attempting to export \$25 worth of Hongkong ten-cent pieces, a Chinese pleaded "not guilty." After the Police had deposed that the coins were found in a small matting bag which the defendant was carrying under his arm, his Worship passed sentence of \$25 fine, or one month. The coins were forfeited.

A Chinese who had been twice banished, and returned each time before his time had expired, was charged before Mr. Smith this morning with returning from banishment. He admitted the offence, but said he passed through on his way to Singapore. He asked his Worship to give him a chance, and he would not come back again. Twelve months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

The report of the committee dealing with the reorganization of the Civil Service recommends that women be given status and authority identical with men with equal minimum pay and equal increments up to a point. A well-marked avenue of promotion, the report remarks, is opened up and the University monopoly of the administrative posts is disappearing.

Revenue Officer Clark this morning charged a Chinese who had just arrived from Singapore, with the unlawful possession of 4 taels of prepared opium, which was found concealed in a preserved ginger jar. The defendant said the drug was for his own use during the voyage. A fine of \$500 or three months' hard labour was passed. When the sentence was translated into Chinese, the defendant's wife made an appeal to his Worship, to give her husband a chance. She said they were poor people, and had no money to pay the fine. If his Worship sent the bread winner to jail, she would surely die of starvation in a strange country. Her appeal was of no avail.

Two Chinese were this morning charged before Mr. Smith with fighting in Hongkong. They admitted the offence. The Police said there were two gangs of coolies working on the wharf. One gang was employed to carry some metal plates into the machine shop of the dock. The other gang got angry because they had not been given a share of the work to do, and refused the other gang admittance to the machine shop. A fight ensued, in the course of which two men were so severely hurt that they had to be removed to the hospital. The defendants belonged to the gang which had been deprived of work. Iron bars were used in the fight. The fight took such a serious outlook that the Police were called to the scene, and they managed to arrest the defendants. His Worship bound the men to keep the peace for six months in a sum of \$100 each.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB.

NEW CLUB INAUGURATED.

The Hongkong Catholic Men's Club held its primary meeting at St. Patrick's Hall, last evening. The Rev. Father W. H. Purcell, R.E., Chaplain, R.N., the prime mover in establishing the new club was in the chair, while Mr. W. Fitz Gibbon acted as chairman pro tem. About thirty prospective members were present, most of them members of the old St. Patrick's Club.

The Chairman announced his purpose in establishing the new club to be that there was no place in the Colony where Catholic men could congregate socially. He stated that while the Club was intended chiefly for men of the military services, that members of the Hongkong Police Force, and civilians, who were Catholics and natural born British citizens, would be admitted to regular membership, while non-Britishers, who were Catholics, would be admitted as Subscribing Members, having no vote and being ineligible for office.

A great many by-laws and rules were discussed, and a few changes made, but, as a whole, the rules as gotten up by Father Purcell and his assistants were deemed by the meeting to be adequate, at least for a beginning. The Club is to be sensibly conducted, and everything will be done to make the members comfortable. The Hall is admirably suited to the purpose, there already being arrangements for refreshments, a concert stage fully equipped, and a large auditorium.

By reason of Father Purcell's witty sayings, and "blarney," all factional feeling in the meeting was suppressed, and the business put through with efficiency and speed.

Father Purcell called attention to the fact that the Hall itself was not being getting out of repair, and it was a shame that it should stand idle with so many men seeking a gathering place other than a cantina or hotel bar. He stated that repairs will have to be made to the building, the billiard tables put in good condition, and that most of all, a stock must be bought for the bar, a very important feature. (Applause and laughter.)

The draft rules of the new Club were then discussed and passed. The age limit for a member was fixed at fifteen years. The entrance fee for naval and military men, except commissioned officers, is \$1 and for the others \$3. The monthly Subscription for naval and military men, except commissioned officers, is 50 cents; for others \$1. These fees include subsiding members. It was unanimously decided to invite the Rev. Fr. Augustine to become a patron of the Club.

The election of officers-bearers then took place and resulted as follows:—President: Commander Hodgson. Vice-President: Sergeant Murphy. Committee: Mr. Spettigue, and Mr. Brown (Navy); Major Law and Capt. Bristow (Army); Inspector Earner and Sergeant P. Murphy (Police); Mr. W. Fitz Gibbon and Mr. Fisher (Civilians). Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Fisher. Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. Fitz Gibbon. Hon. Librarian: Inspector Earner. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. O. Brawn.

STRENGTH.

Cadet G. Punched joined on 21st March, 1920 and is posted to Section 4.

PROMOTION.

Acting Sergeant R. Bentley is promoted to Sergeant with effect from 1st March, 1920.

PARADES.

All Sections, Band and Instructors at Headquarters on Monday, 25th inst., at 5.15 p.m. This will be the last Parade for Drill this Season. All should attend. Church Parade on Easter Sunday. Assemble at Headquarters, at 3.10 p.m.

SWIMMING.

This course will begin at about the middle of May.

G. E. STEWART, Capt.

Adjutant, Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

THE DAUGHTER OF THE GODS.

The million dollar motion picture "Daughter of the Gods" being shown at the Coronet Theatre, has attracted full houses every night.

Mrs. Annette Kellerman, not only gives us a wonderful exhibition of diving in this picture, but the beauty of the scenes and of the players themselves, including the Venus like Annette, all go to make a perfect spectacle.

To-night is the last night this picture will be displayed. The show commences at 9.15 p.m.

HONGKONG TRADE.

The annual volume of trade and shipping returns compiled by the statistical branch of the Imports and Exports Department is to hand. As usual it is a mass of figures having special interest for commercial people, showing the value of all kinds of goods imported or exported and making a comparison with the previous year. The information is put in a more compact form in the four summaries, which might have been made still more enlightening by the inclusion of the figures for 1918. The total imports for the year, including Treasure (£5,492) from the United Kingdom, was £5,129,734 and from the British Colonies, Dominions and pre-war Protectorates £14,616,266 of which amount no less than £1,343,991 is accounted for under the heading of Treasure. The imports from the British Empire were thus £19,746,010 and those from other countries £70,905,698. The United States heads the list of imports, the Colony receiving in goods and Treasure (£9,128,891) the huge value of £17,759,011. French Indo-China comes next with £13,557,271 and North China is represented by £12,182,536. Including Treasure valued at £3,340,056. Central Africa is represented by a solitary £1. The Colony's total imports are put at £90,651,708. As for exports the Empire's total reaches £18,993,145, the United Kingdom taking £2,699,813. Other countries are represented by £64,949,789. Exports to the United States amounted to £4,876,946, to China £5,612,380 including £7,595,430 classified as Treasure. Other summaries show the combined imports and exports. Trade with the Empire amounted to £38,739,155 and with other countries to £55,855,487. China accounting for £65,393,260 and the United States for £22,635,957.

The total of the shipping entering and clearing at ports in the Colony during the year 1919 amounted to 649,168 vessels of 35,615,169 tons, which, compared with the figures for 1918 shows an increase of 69,627 vessels with an increase of 6,096,980 tons. Of the above, 41,985 vessels of 21,072,129 tons were engaged in foreign trade, as compared with 43,436 vessels of 16,953,332 tons in 1918.

The average tonnage of individual ocean vessels entering the port has increased from 1,459.2 tons to 1,583.1 tons. That of British ships has increased from 1,482.6 tons to 1,772.6 tons while that of foreign ships has also increased from 1,445.7 tons to 1,449.2 tons.

The average tonnage of individual river steamers entering during the year has decreased from 484.7 tons to 448.8 tons. That of British river steamers has increased from 511.6 tons to 529.8 tons and that of foreign river steamers has decreased from 439.9 tons to 336.6 tons.

THE STRANDED "TIJANAS"

The Marine Inspector of the Java-China-Japan Line arrived at the place off Cape Kam where the s.s. "Tijanas" lies stranded at 3 p.m. yesterday.

He wirelessed last night that 60 tons of cargo had been removed from the forehold to aft, that heavy anchors were paid out, and with tugs towing, every effort was being made to free the "Tijanas" without having to unload the cargo on to lighters which are in attendance.

The "Durlax" Norwegian liner, carrying passengers taken from the "Tijanas," arrived this morning. The captain of this vessel visited the Java Line manager and stated that the ship is well sheltered, position not dangerous and the vessel not making any water, having run on to a sand bank and being practically undamaged.

The Norwegian captain stated that Captain Weide of the "Tijanas" claims to have been misled by the radius of the light on the Island of Hahow. As marked on the chart, the radius of this light is given as 13 miles. In reality, Captain Weide stated, the radius is much further and he found himself misled, so causing the accident. This claim will be investigated here, in the interests of shipping, and the matter will also be brought before the Marine Court at Batavia. Fuller details will be obtainable upon the arrival of the "Tijanas" at Hongkong.

The "Tijanas" is of 5,800 tons deadweight, speed 9 to 10 knots per hour, and is equipped for the Chinese passenger trade. She is loaded principally with sugar, and at the time of the accident was voyaging from Pakhoi to Hahow, diverting to Hongkong for passengers.

The plight of retired Austrian officers is illustrated by an incident reported from a fashionable suburb of Vienna. A house owner was in search of a porter and made his want known to the officers' league. Among the applicants were a major general, three colonels, two lieutenants, colonels, seven majors and eighteen captains.

FANCY DRESS DANCE.

AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

The winter season dances at the Peak Hotel had a brilliant wind-up last night, when over 250 people danced and made merry in a variety of costume and a galaxy of brightness and colour.

Although a number of the guests arrived in ordinary evening dress, those in fancy costume preponderated. While there was nothing startlingly original, most of the fancy efforts were effective and becoming.

Fancy dress is an excuse for the application of paint and powder and the donning of brilliant colours and a general spirit of revelry that affects the dancers.

Added to the gaiety of fancy costume was the fact of having two bands playing in different rooms, which resulted in quite a lot of camouflage in readjusting programmes; for the two bands exhibited an unconquerable desire to outlast each other and while No. 8 was danced in the lounge, the Jazz Band in the dining room continued to give a long string of encores to No. 7.

Among the women there was the usual tendency to don the breeks or short skirts. There were several ballet costumes, very becoming to the wearers. Mrs. Syme Thomas in gauzy white and another lady in black with a touch of powder on her pretty bobbed hair were noticeable. Another short skirt was the kilt worn by Mrs. Ross-Thompson, who looked very sporting as a Scotchman.

Most of the trousered ladies affected the wide Turkish variety allied to the modesty of the veil. Perhaps the most strikingly beautiful of these costumes was worn by Mrs. N. L. Watson. It was carried out in old gold figured satin trousers with purple stockings and gold shoes, and a wide gold belt. A rouse of purple georgette edged with gold formed the corset. From a lovely old gold turban hung a veil of emerald green caught with a jewelled ornament. Around the neck she wore strings of amber and jade. Mr. Watson was in blue and made a pair. Some one suggested that all the Turkish ladies present might have a combined entrance and give the effect of the Sultan and his harem, so popular in modern revue.

Miss Gurner, the niece of Commodore Gurner, wore a very handsome Turkish effect of gold and green. Another "Turkish lady" wore black with the face veiled in a jewelled net and looked very beautiful. Two futurist Pierrettes created considerable admiration and discussion; Miss Shirley Gurner being outstandingly effective and handsome in long diamond checked trousers, in white and black satin, a low cut evening bodice and hooped full of tulle from waist to knee. On her head nodded a head-dress of ostrich plumes bound down by a band of black beaver. The whole costume was most effective. Another lady wore the same style of dress in white and green stripes, very pretty and graceful. There were several fascinating quaker girls. Miss Farmer looked particularly charming with her plaits.

Miss Benson, as a Spanish lady, looked very handsome in her black lace mantilla. There were several pretty gypsies. Mrs. Irwin tall and handsome and correct in every detail of her costume, and Miss Eileen Stubbs young and simple, but very graceful and pretty.

Miss Moorhead, as a Norwegian peasant, looked delightful, and Mrs. Piercy was a French fishing girl in a pretty striped skirt of white and red with a turned back upper skirt in blue, and a fascinating bodice and cap.

Mrs. Blair was the smartest of French maids and was here, there and everywhere contributing to the success of the evening and keeping everything going with a swing and a vim, that have characterised the whole series of dances at the Peak Hotel and made them one of the great features of the winter season. Mrs. Blair's two little girls looked adorable as a maid and Robin Hood respectively. A very clever couple were Captain and Mrs. Arthur who as Dilly Dally, represented the war posters of the Daily Mail. They really were very cleverly carried out and attracted considerable attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Sair as an early Victorian pair looked like a couple of family portraits. Mrs. Sair would have been absolutely perfect if she could have had two ringlets instead of the loose hair she wore over the ears, but this is only a suggestion, offered because in every other respect her costume and appearance were delightful. There was a lady in dress of gold tissue strapped in her five hands of the same material, whose dress which made one tremble for the consequences to the strings. Remember the modern misnomers of a well known saw, "One more struggle and the girl was free."

Other effective fancy costumes were worn by Mrs. Dunlop, G.M.D. Luck, Mrs. Carpenter, Quaker, The Misses Bowen, and Miss Stella Bannan, the authoress of "Living Alone," who ought to have come as a fairy, considering her beautiful fairy-tale name. Mr. Butterfield as a jinking monkey everyone's equilibrium by blowing his

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCH.

On Saturday, the "Daily Press" Cup for the 1st. Division of the League will be presented to the Hongkong Club at the close of the Exhibition Game. The Chairman of the Hongkong Association Football League will hand over the trophy to the Club Captain. Much interest is likely to be evidenced in the match owing to the unexpected return of Mr. Stewart on the Club side. It was at first thought that McCubbin would also line up but this was not possible.

Teams will play as follows:—Club—C. Rodger, F. W. Black, M. Tarkin, M. L. Ralston, J. Stewart, J. Rodger, J. E. Hamilton, J. W. R. McPhail, D. Niechelman, R. Boyan, K. E. Riss.

Rest.—N. Omar (St. Joseph's), P. Dixon (St. Joseph's), Cheung Wing-tan (South China), E. Niles (Navy), Leung Yuk-tong (South China), P. Xavier (St. Joseph's), Ko Kin-fan (South China), J. Silva (St. Joseph's), T. Forhead (Navy), J. R. Clark (Police), A. Rahmim (St. Joseph's), Lt. W. H. Snook, R.G.A., will officiate as referee and Messrs. J. P. Jones and J. McCubbin will act as linesmen. The match will start at 4.15 prompt on the Club Ground and all seats in the stand and round the enclosure must be paid for at the gate.

STEAM LAUNCH "TINA" AUCTIONED.

At his sales rooms, Duddell Street, at noon today, on instructions received from Mr. J. H. Gardner, Mr. Geo. P. Lammert offered for sale, by public auction, the steam launch "Tina," together with all her machinery, engines, tackle, apparel, furniture and equipment, as she now lies in Causeway Bay.

Her dimensions and tonnage, as set forth in the advertisement of sale, are approximately as follows:—Length, 75 feet; breadth, 14 feet 8 inches; depth, 7 feet 6 inches; gross tonnage, 51.46; and nett tonnage, 34.99.

The bidding, which started at \$4,000, was fairly brisk, and the vessel was eventually knocked down to Mr. Wong Lay Chaw for \$8,500.

STRUTHERS AND DIXON MERGER.

The first vessel of the combined Struthers and Dixon, Cosmopolitan Shipping Company of New York and Green Star Line service from Baltimore, U.S.A. to the Far East, to be despatched, is the Shipping Board vessel, "Moreland" now enroute to Japan.

This combination will operate over 100 vessels, 75 of which are Shipping Board ships. Most of the steamers in the Oriental service of these companies will call at Hongkong. Manila will generally be the terminal port of call.

Messrs. Struthers and Dixon, Powell Building, Mr. Lund, Manager, will be the Hongkong agents for all of these vessels.

BITING DOGS.

Mr. S. Goldsmith, a merchant, was this morning charged before Mr. Smith with allowing to be free, an unmuzzled and ferocious dog, which bit a Chinese constable yesterday afternoon.

The defendant said it was only a small dog. He was closing his shop yesterday afternoon, when the dog which was sitting near him, barked playfully at the constable. "The constable drove him off, and thinking that the constable was playing with him, the dog went up to him in a playful mood, and bit the constable's slightly on the leg. He (the defendant) was prepared to apologise for his dog's behaviour. He is only a little dog, repeated the defendant, and he is fond of playing. He is harmless.

After the constable had given evidence, Mr. Smith asked if he played with the dog at all.

Witness: No, sir.

Mr. Smith then enquired if the dog was dangerous.

The defendant: No, sir. He is only playful, and likes to have chums.

I was closing the shop at the time, otherwise I would have given the constable every assistance it was in my power to give.

He was ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

whistle at inopportune moments. There were Pierrotts by the score, nice and cool for dancing, and among costumes which crowd upon my memory as I write, I see visions of a smart Mrs. Oliver, in dandy black satin breeches and ruffles and powdered wig; Mrs. Havelock Davies as a powder puff; Miss Starkey in the uniform of an officer of the Naval Reserve; Mrs. Hornell as a maid and Mrs. Templeton, one of the prettiest costumes in the room, as San Toy. But there my memory gives out. After all it is the morning after the night before and one cannot remember everything.

—THE GOSSIP.

THE CHINA MAIL EXTRA.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1920.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ASQUITH REPLIES TO PREMIER.

THE PARTY GAME.

LONDON, March 24.

Keen interest was taken in the speech by Mr. Asquith at the National Liberal Club this afternoon owing to the expectation that he would reply to Lloyd George's speech of March 13. Mr. Asquith said the Premier's challenge ought to be taken up immediately. Fusion was being watered down into "closer co-operation." The real point was whether they were going to respond to the Premier's invitation. Hence labour was hostile, and since independent liberalism intended to remain independent, were they going to link up with Tory organisations which were the only organisations satisfying Lloyd George's definitions and likely to supply his need? Why should they? Why should Liberals abdicate their primary functions as a great historic party? He opined that nothing more would be seen of the anti-dumping bill. He declared that the government's Irish bill did not seek to amend but to repeal the Home Rule act and substitute therefor a fantastic scheme which travestied self-government. Liberals were asked to agree to fusion owing to a new peril vulgarly called Bolshevism. He denied there was any antithesis between Liberalism and Labour. Labour owed everything to Liberalism and there were many roads they could travel side by side. The Premier's appeal was on the lines of class cleavage and was most mischievous. Free Liberals were not going to be tied to the Tory chariot wheels. They were going to retain, preach, and practise their principles. (Cheers.)

THE INFERENTIAL WAY.

A NEW METHOD OF PRODUCING PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION.

LONDON, March 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. T. P. O'Connor with regard to the fracas in Dublin on March 22, Mr. Macpherson stated that Dublin was now quiet. A military court of enquiry would be held. There was no evidence of any deaths of civilians due to the military. Replying to Mr. Kenworthy, Mr. Macpherson said he had no information that an armoured car turned out and used a machine gun.

Mr. MacVeigh pointed out that the commander at Cork stated he was unaware of the murder when he went to the lord mayor's house, thus contradicting Mr. Macpherson's statement in the House of Commons on March 22, that the military went to the house in order to trace the murderers. Mr. Macpherson replied that he was asked to justify the action of the military and he did so in the only possibly inferential way, believing his statement to be true.

A BOAST.

LONDON, March 24.

Mr. Kellaway, deputy minister of munitions, in a speech at Bedford stated that the total realised by the sale of surplus war stores and stores purchased on trading account was £330,000,000, whereof £125,000,000 represented the sale of wool, hides, etc. bought on trading account, by which the exchequer had benefited.

BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, March 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Viscount Curzon, Mr. Long stated that the ships of all big gun type were not required for our postwar fleet, but the method of their disposal was not yet settled. These include the Agincourt, Ajax, Dreadnought, Superb, Inflexible, and Indomitable. The remainder are all included in the post-war fleet.

LONDON, March 25.

Sir E. C. Tennyson D'Eyncourt, the metropolitan police magistrate, lecturing at the institution of naval architects on the lessons of the war, said the battleship Hood was reconstructed to withstand several torpedo hits without seriously lessening her speed. America was already following the example set by the Hood.

Archibald Hurd strongly deprecated the view held in the dominions that seapower is a thing of the past on account of the development of aircraft. That would mean the sacrifice of British naval traditions.

DECIMALS DAWMED

ROYAL COMMISSION DECLARES FOR CURRENT COIN.

LONDON, March 24.

The royal commission on the advisability of introducing a decimal coinage has reported against the proposal, declaring the advantages to be gained in keeping accounts are in no wise commensurate with the loss of convenience of the existing system for other purposes. The report also states that bankers and financial houses engaged in the finance of overseas trade consider that no great benefit to overseas trade could be expected from the adoption of the decimal system.

ANOTHER BOLSHIEV.K CLAIM.

LONDON, March 20.

A Bolshevik wireless claims they have occupied Ekaterinodar.

EXPERT CRITICISES PRESIDENT'S SOZEMF.

WASHINGTON, March 25.

The report of President Wilson's industrial conference, which proposed a joint organisation of employers and employees as a means of preventing misunderstanding and securing co-operative effort through regional adjustment conferences, has been attacked by Mr. Gompers, who says the present labour adjustment machinery is far superior to that suggested both in simplicity and effectiveness. He considers that Trade Unions afford the only bona fide effective system of representation known to American industry.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

At Twickenham, England beat Scotland by 13 to 4.

SIBERIA WOULD RESTORE ORDER IN 30 DAYS.

Rakova Village (Siberia), January 17 (by courier to Vladivostock), February 11.—This morning I came by peasant sled into this tiny frozen village in snow-blanketed hills, seventy-five miles from Vladivostock. It is the stronghold of the partisan forces, whom the few remaining Koltchak officers love to call "Bolsheviks."

In front of my sled rode four boy soldiers on farm horses, while four more galloped in the rear. Any one of them would gladly have died before he would let the least harm befall me, yet they were boys whom the people in Vladivostock said would either kill me or hold me for ransom.

Soon one of them will take this message back through the Koltchak lines and he will be unafraid.

"You might be killed," I said to one. He smiled and shrugged his shoulders. "It doesn't matter," he answered. "I would die fighting for my ideal."

This is the spirit of these farmer boys fighting here in the snow 30 degrees below zero.

FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM.

They are fighting things they have believed to be wrong from the day they were born—reactionary ideas, old official graft, cruelties, lack of land, denials of franchise and of a voice in affairs. They are fighting for the things they and their fathers are dreaming always of—land, peace, freedom.

These, and only these, are the things these peasants here in the hills are fighting for, and they are the same things Russia's 150,000,000 other peasants are fighting for.

Foreign intervention backing Koltchak, Deniken and Yudenitch has only served to bring them together and to unite them under a common cause. If Japan decides to remain, all Russia will fight.

"Let the foreigners leave us alone and we will settle our own affairs in thirty days," one bearded peasant chief said—and he is right.

By some miracle of sentiment there is no resentment against American interference, now that we are withdrawing, and it is to us that these millions of peasants are looking hopefully.

There were days six months ago when we were fighting them and American troops guarding the railroad centres made possible a continuance of Koltchak's hated government, but the Siberians instinctively know that America will help them, at least economically, when America understands their side. They have seen the American soldier grow to sympathize deeply with them, and they know that at heart the American boys here are the heart of America.

They have pledged that they will let our troops withdraw quietly without interference and without touching the railroad sectors we still guard.

It is a big thing to ask them, because these frozen days, when their cavalry patrols can swoop down on the railroad, destroy the tunnels, burn the bridges, and then gallop back to their hills with the assurance that none dare pursue them through the snow, are numbered by the coming of spring.

Yesterday one old peasant pointed to a seventeen-year-old boy with a pitiful old rifle over his shoulder and proudly whispered to me: "He is my son. He's fighting for me."

PROTECTED BY PEASANTS.

That is the spirit of these peasants. In scattered settlements varying in size from 100 to several thousand they have been carrying on a guerilla warfare against Koltchak since the days almost a year ago when the Omsk Government showed it was undemocratic and reactionary. The peasants in the Siberian hills supported them, hid them, fed them, believed in them.

In the summer, when expeditions swept up the valleys punishing the natives and burning the villages, the days were dark, but now, with the winter on their side, Koltchak broken, and their forces increased by thousands of desertions, they have fresh hopes.

They number fully 100,000 soldiers, and they are all working close in harmony with the city revolutionists. Were it not for the foreign boys they would control Siberia in ten days. To-day the "soviet" is the magic that is drawing them on.

I have asked hundreds of them what "soviet" means to them, and they have always answered "land and freedom."—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT IN AMERICA.

In the contest for nomination as Republican candidate for President of the United States, General Leonard Wood is reported to be leading Senator Hiram Johnson of California, three to one.

Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, is third and Governor Frank Louden of Illinois is fourth.

TRICKS THAT ARE VAIN.

Sergeant Cayrell this morning charged a Chinese before Mr. Hutchison, with the larceny of 25 lbs of copper nails and 15 lbs of old copper sheets. The defendant denied larceny and said the things were his own property. He was taking them across from Shamshui to Hongkong to sell when he was arrested by the Chinese constable who accused him of larceny.

The constable said that at 5.45 a.m. whilst he was on duty in Shanghai Street, Mongkok, he saw the defendant carrying two baskets on a bamboo pole. He stopped him and examined the contents of the baskets, and found them to contain the copper. As the defendant was unable to give a satisfactory account as to how he came by the copper, witness took him to the station.

A Chinese, an employee of the Wing Ong Shipyard, went into the witness box, and said that at 6 p.m., on the previous day, before he left off work, he saw a pile of copper nails and old copper sheets in the yard. On the following morning, when he returned to work, the things were gone. He recognized the property of this yard. He recognized them because he had used material similar to that in the course of his work in the yard.

The defendant said he was a marine hawker, and bought to copper a small quantity at a time. He hoarded them until he had accumulated sufficient to bring in \$3 or \$4. He intended to catch the early ferry to Hongkong yesterday to sell the copper when he was arrested.

Serjt. Cayrell pointed out that it was not probable that the defendant, if he had bought his stock from time to time, would have accumulated nails all of the same size; and, said the sergeant, if the defendant had in fact intended to take the things over to Hongkong to sell, it would have been easier for him to catch the Shamshui ferry, instead of walking all the way to Yau-mai.

JAPANESE LOAN CREATES SENSATION AMONG PEOPLE OF SHANTUNG PROVINCE.

According to the reports of Peking agents of the native gentry, there are certain conditions in connection with the conclusion of the Yen 9,000,000 by Japan single-handed to the Chinese government. The report has caused a sensation in this city because the Shantung people strongly oppose direct negotiation between Japan and China about the settlement of the Kiaochow issue. It is alleged that "hidden negotiations" are going on in certain Sino-foreign quarters so as to pave the way for formal negotiations. It may be that the natives of this province are too sensitive and smart in connection with the Shantung affair, which leads them to scent "hidden negotiations" because the Japanese say that with the exception of security, that was no other condition on the recent loan which, they say, cannot and should not be mixed up with the Kiaochow middle.

The Japanese owned Chinese vernacular papers are severely criticizing the articles of J. Timmons about Shantung. The Tsinan Jihpao challenges this American pressman to prove on the spot what he had said about the Japanese and their beloved country.

According to the Japanese papers, in the same way as former Germany, the present industrial and commercial prosperity and abundance of Japan and the Japanese are being viewed with an envious eye by foreigners and secondly there is the burning racial question between the east and the west so that it is not surprising that there are so many Americans and others write critically about the Land of the Rising Sun whose actions in China are always termed as aggressive and self-seeking by these foreign sentimentalists.

Mr. Kobayashi, former Japanese financial representative in China, has contributed an article to the Japanese Daily "Tsingtao Jihpao" with reference to the wine and tobacco loan from the Pacific Development Company. According to the opinions of this Japanese financial expert, the Americans are going to reorganize the wine and tobacco business in such a way that the British-American Tobacco Company can establish monopolies in this country in the future. The article is being reproduced by the Chinese papers and is drawing considerable attention from the Chinese wine and tobacco interest. —North China Star.

Mr. S. Komor leaves to-day for Japan by the s.s. "Innsbruck."

Mr. Harold P. Nachtrieb is in Hongkong, stopping at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Nachtrieb is investigating the coastwise feeder service of the United States Shipping Board with a view to improvement therein.

Mrs. Will and family, Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn and family were passengers on the s.s. "Andre Lebon," which arrived yesterday. On the same vessel were Mr. Carl Shively, Chandler, and General Bart.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on February 18—

The past week has seen a considerable extension of activity in the raw material market and cotton values have appreciated remarkably. All factors appear to have been bullish and after a steady upward movement in the early part of the week prices have risen very rapidly indeed during the last few days; both American spot and futures reaching new high records. New York has been strong, and with heavy Liverpool and trade buying generally, and bear covering all positions have been raised considerably, news especially gaining in strength.

Egyptian cotton has also been affected by the general buoyant tone, and as the result of heavy covering in this section the persistent advance has developed into an absolutely runaway market, prices rising phenomenally from day to day. In the yarn and cloth sections, rising cotton values have been immediately reflected in prices which have moved up sharply. At the opening of the week there appeared to be much greater confidence in present values, and rather more business was put through for the distant deliveries at present required than has latterly been the case. This has however been checked by the advance now demanded by producers, the tone generally being very strong and firm indeed. Enquiry is still very abundant and it does not yet appear that any outlets have even temporarily satisfied their needs. Goods that are obtainable for early delivery are much sought after and stock lots are readily disposed of. Both China and India have shown a tendency to operate more freely and Java, Singapore, South America and West Africa have also bought to some extent. On the 10th inst. silver reached the new high record of 89½d. but after a slight fall, owing to the higher New York exchange a sudden sharp reaction has taken place. The cause of this is none too clear at present but it appears to be largely owing to the fact that China buying, which has been the main support of the market for the past six months, suddenly ceased, and instead of buying, China showed some inclination to sell. Later, rather heavy Continental selling accentuated the fall and spot silver fell to 82d. on the 14th. With a resumption of buying by China at the close of the week the price has recovered slightly.

"WALLA-WALLA" LAUNCHES, Phone No. 3516.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

The chairman of the United States Shipping Board has announced that an appeal against the injunction prohibiting the sale of the former German ships to British interests will be filed, and he expected that William Randolph Hearst, on whose application the injunction was granted, will be required to furnish bonds to protect the Shipping Board against any loss through the ships being idle, should the final decision of the courts be against him.

Mr. Stevens, former Vice-Chairman of the Shipping Board, when giving evidence before the Senate Commerce Committee, said that the value of the thirty former German ships, for which the board had received bids was twice or three times the amount of the bids received—namely \$68,000,000 to \$79,000,000 and the bids received for four of the ships for transfer to foreign flags, were double the highest American bids for three of the vessels and \$500,000 more for the fourth ship.

The foreign bids were rejected, in accordance with the policy of keeping the ships under the American flag. Mr. Stevens added that there was no reason why the Shipping Board should not operate the ships to prove or disprove the frequent claim that the United States could not compete with other countries on the seas.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st April to WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1920, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

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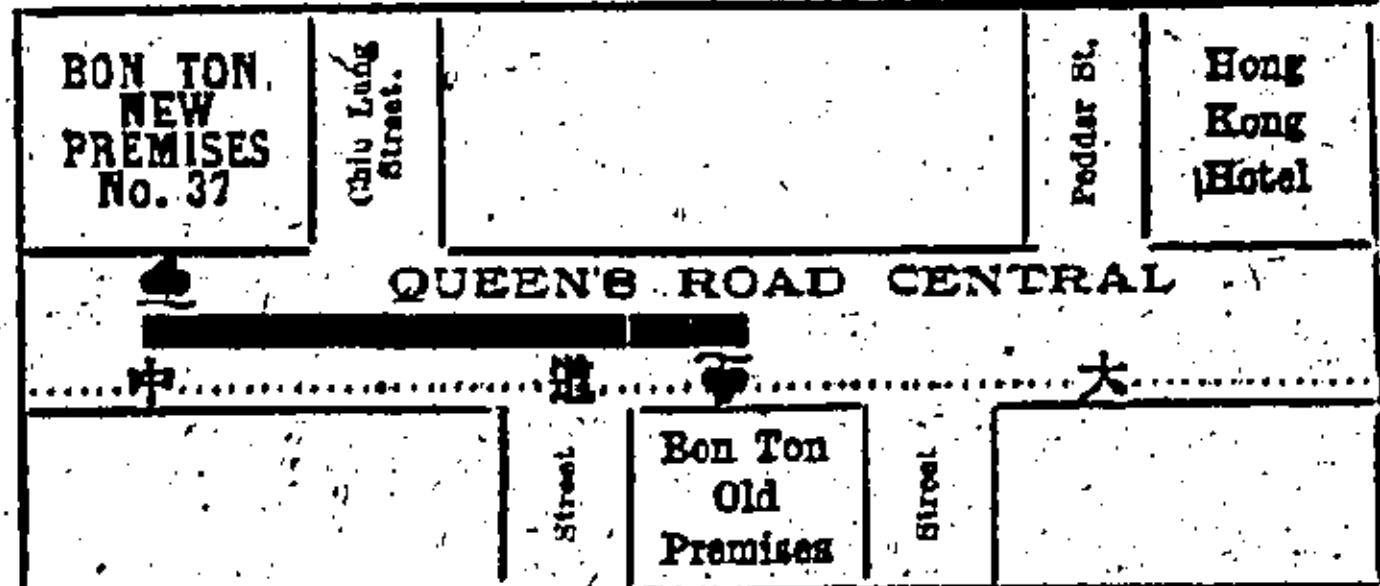
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SATURDAY, 27th March.
On Club Ground at 4.15 p.m.
Followed by Presentation of League Cup.
Admission to stand 50 cents.
J. TALSTON,
Hon. Secretary.
H. K. Football League.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

GOOD FRIDAY

ORATORIO SELECTIONS
at 9.15 P.M.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY, March 29, 1920, commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
1 White Enamelled Cabinet.
1 Beauty Cabinet Table.
1 Lightning Household Chair, and
A Quantity of Sundries.
Terms—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.
THE Company's Steamship
"TAMBA MARU,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day.
Goods not cleared by the April 1, 1920, will be subject to rent.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on TUESDAY and FRIDAY. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA
Agents.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"INNSBRUCK,"
From VENICE, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st prox. will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th prox. or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 31st prox. at 10 a.m.
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the consignor),
on
TUESDAY,
March 30, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
A Small Consignment of
HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,
Comprising:—
Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed Sheets, Battenberg and Drawwork Bedspreads, Table Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Dollies.

Also
A few lots of Brass Jardinieres, Large Kitchens Vases, Japanese Vases.
And
Two Travelling bags and Suit Cases. (All new goods and in small lots).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONSIGNOR),
on
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March 30, 1920, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, &c., &c., comprising:—
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Also
Four Pianos, One Enamelled Bath, Camera, &c., &c.,
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

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Hongkong, March 26, 1920.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from MAJOR GENERAL KELLY, to sell by Public Auction, on
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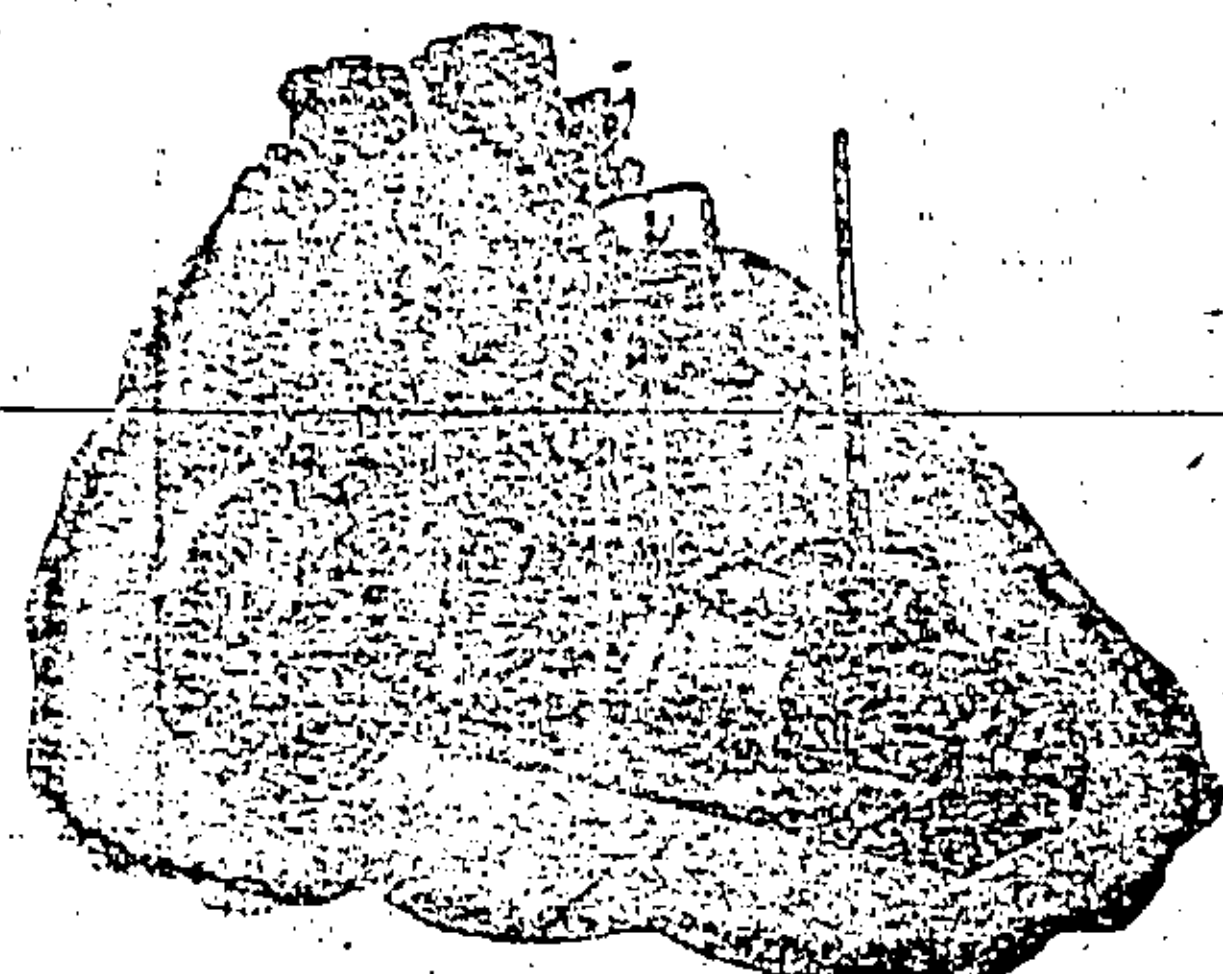
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MR. LARKIN'S REPLY.

Mr. H. B. G. Larkin, the London manager of the Commonwealth Shipping Line, is so actively employed in the direct work of his office far more than an occasional interview on the subject of criticisms adverse to it. More than once he has tried to persuade him to say something in this regard, only to find him disinclined for publicity. Now and again, however, the attack upon State ownership of merchant shipping, as exemplified in the Commonwealth line, becomes so insistent, and issues from such high quarters, that it draws Mr. Larkin, in spite of himself, into defence of the interests he represents. Such an occasion is with us just now. Lord Inchcape has attacked once more the principle of State ownership, and, as always, his remarks are assured of the interest of the whole shipping world of this country. And that being so, Mr. Larkin has made a statement by interview in reply to the contents of the shipping companies as voiced by this eminent spokesman.

As to the argument that in the very nature of the case a Government undertaking of this kind is sure to fail, the general manager of the Commonwealth Line replies that there is no sound reason for this belief. Given, he says, the freedom from Government department restrictions which he, for example, enjoys, there is no reason at all why any man with a knowledge of his business and a staff chosen and appointed by himself, should not be able to conduct a shipping line as efficiently as he could for private shareholders, while as against the statement that the Commonwealth Line must in the end be prejudicial to Australia, involving the whole commercial community in loss, he answers that so far, at all events, the result has been anything but disastrous, and that there is no fear of the future unless the private companies, by means of a war of rates, force freights down to an unpayable basis—in which event, however, he goes on to say, "Australia would, by reason of the cheaper carriage of every ton of her imports and exports gain far more than any amount lost by the Commonwealth Line."

From this point Mr. Larkin goes on to emphasize the fact that it is Mr. Hughes's wish to avoid any rate-war, and he contends that, as there was room in days gone by for two big German lines to run on friendly terms with the British lines, so there should be room in the future for this Australian-owned fleet. The Prime Minister's argument, says Mr. Larkin, further, is unanswerable, viz., that it is open to the Government to say that it is its duty to ensure that its producers and consumers shall at all times and in any emergency be guaranteed an adequate means of transport at reasonable cost and under equitable conditions. Already British exporters and Australian importers have greatly benefited by the establishment of the line, and notably by new conditions of carriage not previously at their service—such, for example, as the application of the terms of the Commonwealth Sea Carriage of Goods Act to their bills of lading for all cargo carried to Australia; the increase of the bill of lading valuation limit by 100 per cent.; the payment of interest on the proportion of their freights held by the shipping companies to enforce "good behaviour"; and the opportunity for direct shipment from ports in the United Kingdom to ports in Australia, not generally included in the itinerary of liners. These facts alone, says Mr. Larkin, justify the line's existence. At any rate, they do not suggest dislocation and loss to the whole commercial community.

Lord Inchcape had quoted from a speech by Sir Joseph Cook to show, apparently, that the aims of the Commonwealth Line go beyond that Minister's view of the subject. On the contrary, says Mr. Larkin, the Commonwealth Government is acting quite in conformity with Sir Joseph Cook's policy, in that it is standing behind the Australian business man as a "business" and "support" by its pro-

vision of increased facilities for the expansion of trade between Australia and this country, and by its "limitation" of the opportunities of combines to exploit him. Furthermore, he questions Lord Inchcape's statement that merchants dislike the new scheme. Merchants in Australia, he says, are enthusiastically appreciative of it, and though he admits that in certain quarters, chiefly in older countries, there is always a prejudice against anything new, "this is already disappearing; even from circles where it was most apparent." Finally, Mr. Larkin emphasises that the avowed policy of the Government is not to secure a Government monopoly, "but to foster and assist the advancement of Australian trade, and to promote trade between Great Britain and the Commonwealth."

It is, however, certain that the shipping companies will fight as vigorously as they know how against a scheme which cuts into some of their traditional and most valued privileges. Not only the great interests supervised by Lord Inchcape are in the field. At last week's annual meeting of the Orient Company, for example, Sir Kenneth Anderson's remarks in this regard were full of interest. Referring to it as, with the uncertainty as to the mail contract with the Commonwealth, a matter "which must give pause to any owner who contemplates building new tonnage for the Australian trade," he went on to say that the proposal of the Commonwealth Government to develop its fleet of merchant ships "cannot but discourage the private enterprise and initiative which during the last 40 years has provided Australia with steamer services considerably in excess of the trade's requirements and unsurpassed in quality or cheapness by any trade in the world. It is obvious that the prospect of having to compete with a line the policy of which may be dictated by considerations other than purely economic considerations, a line which may make good its losses out of the taxpayers' pockets, is a discouraging one. It is equally obvious that so long as this policy commands sufficient popular support, and cost is disregarded, such a line can be maintained, but in these conditions it will in time be found that private enterprise, which is subject to the humdrum necessity of making ends meet, cannot permanently co-exist with Government enterprise. . . . and I believe that the one will be found a poor substitute for the other. . . . The general adoption of such a policy in international trade would have the most untoward consequences. . . . If international trade is to become the province of Governments, and State is to trade with State, every transaction, however trivial, will contain the germ of a possible difference, the occasions of international discord will be indefinitely multiplied, and in the last report there will be no court of appeal except the appeal to force. . . . We have, in fact, to look no farther than the war from which we are now emerging to find an instance where militarist ambitions might have been held in check if they had not been reinforced by designs of commercial supremacy created and fostered by the German Government. Often in the past the slow embitterment of international relations by tariffs, or the accumulated grievances of individual traders working on popular passion have, avowedly, or under some more or less specious pretext, forced Government into wars. The result of this influence has been had enough in the past. But what will be the result in the future if Governments themselves become immediately concerned with buying and selling? 'Nationalisation' would convert every private and individual dispute into a public and collective quarrel. If Governments wish to keep out of wars they had better, as Governments, keep out of business."

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He and a woman friend had been driving with a man who was a prominent citizen, philanthropist, and social reformer. When this man had left them the lady said, "That is one of the most wicked men I have ever met," and persisted in her opinion. Three years later Dr. Schofield found the man, in whom he had profoundly believed, in his consulting-room, and was warning him that unless he signed a confession of the most flagrant misconduct and undertook to leave the country within twenty-four hours the matter would be put in the hands of the police and he would go to penal servitude. The man signed and fled.

It was intuitive power in women, Dr. Schofield said, that made them impatient of long arguments. Men possess intuition and instinct, but do not trust it or use it as much as women do, although the results are often more correct. They like to proceed by careful reasoning where a woman jumps to a conclusion. There were well-marked differences in the mental outlook of the sexes, but to his mind no question of the inferiority of one to the other. Men, however, can only see women's mind exteriorly—from without. Dr. Schofield said he longed and waited for some woman of deep insight to give the true exterior view. So far Ellen Key was the only woman who had written on psychology.

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The task of differentiating between the spiritual outlook of the two sexes was difficult. Women generally are more spiritual as well as more emotional than men, but the invention of machinery—a great leveller of sex—brings a slow approximation of type. With the substitution of machinery for manual labour in all processes of life man's bodily powers are discounted, his intellectual powers developed and relieved of constant physical exhaustion, and his spiritual outlook approximates more nearly that of women.

The actual production of children has always had a far-reaching effect on the psychology of the female mind. "When we really grasp these sex facts," said Dr. Schofield, "that the actual production of the race, as well as its early education and formation of character, is the definite province of women, and also that men specially are distinctly the work of the mother for men mostly reproduce the characters of their mothers, and daughters that of their fathers,—we see that the quality of our women must be a great factor in the future of our country. The mothers of England are her greatest hope."

"We see how much turns on the psychology of the female mind of today. The woman's mind, by her own use of the unconscious mind, and by her strong emotions and more developed spirituality, is especially adapted for the formation of character in children. She is qualified to produce what Matthew Arnold called the three essentials of education—an atmosphere, a discipline, a life."

CRUEL IGNORANCE.

"The mother's atmosphere is stronger than heredity, and I would urge that every training college for women should include special instruction in the right education of childhood. It is not only the height of folly but absolutely cruel to allow girls to become wives and mothers without their acquiring any knowledge of their mighty forces, any idea of the value of their own minds, or any skill in the use of their great but simple powers."

Dr. Schofield noted the advent of a cheerful, almost a sexual race in the vast army of spinsters that would succeed in giving a new ideal of this class. The combination of the fuller opening up of commercial and industrial life, the advancement into the professions, and the independent status of the twentieth century made the spinster's life happier and more dignified, because it was on a sounder economic basis of support.

"Women's economic dependence had been one of the most profound factors in the psychology of the female mind. So long as they were dependent they must retain many of the characteristics peculiar to the servile. Until the economic position of woman was altered they were most unfairly handicapped."

Professional and business careers had to some small extent solved the question, but much remained to be done. It was futile to strike off her shackles, one by one, as long as the most galling of all was retained in the form of economic dependence.

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STILL ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir.—I cannot think that the general public would agree to the suggestion that the "Finest Site" should be built upon, or that the War Memorial should be erected at Stanley.

My recollection of previous correspondence is that a syndicate approached the Government some years ago with the suggestion that a "skyscraper" of enormous height should be built upon the site, since an ordinary building would not pay on account of the high value of the ground.

The Government could not see their way to agree to this, and I believe, the public sentiment at that time was to the effect that the few open spaces still left on the Harbour Front should be preserved for public use, and it was suggested that the site should be laid out, with seats, and a Band stand erected.

The Government did not feel however that they could promise not to sell the site, and as far as I know it has remained open for purchase since then, this being the reason that it is not laid out for public use.

A visitor passing through not long ago remarked on the absence of any place on the Harbour Front where one could rest and enjoy the view, and I am sure that the retention of the site for this purpose would be much appreciated, provided some means of preventing the lower class of Chinese from misusing the seating accommodation could be found. At Home no one improperly dressed, or acting in an offensive manner would be allowed to use public seats in the Parks, and it appears to me that some steps might be taken here to educate the Chinese in the proper use of public accommodation.

I went to a seat on one of the Peak roads the other day, and found it covered with chewed sugar cane, while someone had expectorated freely all round it.

The Chinese rightly resent regulations directed against them as a class, and there should be no need for this if the higher classes tried to educate their countrymen in the direction indicated, since much of the present disregard of the comfort of others is probably due to ignorance.

In conclusion I should like to remark that the aspirations cast on members of the Hongkong Club seem to be quite uncalled for, and that the retention of the site for public purposes appears to be a public matter, and not merely the concern of members of the Club.

It is admitted that the lack of office accommodation is becoming a serious problem, but the use of the "finest site" would not help it much, and the true remedy appears to be strong and increasing pressure on the Military and Naval Authorities, whose large holdings in the centre of the City seem quite unnecessary, owing to the possibilities of Aviation.—Yours truly, X.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

THE FOOCHOW AFFAIR.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

PEKING, March 24.

The Chinese Government has addressed a Note to the Japanese Government demanding compensation for the victims of the Fochow fracas, the dismissal of Consul and an apology.

Anticipating this request, the Japanese Consul has been already transferred.

Chinese official circles regarding the Japanese attitude, as very reasonable leading to the hope of improvement in the relations between the two countries.

JAPANESE SOLDIERS TRAMP
ACROSS Gobi DESERT.

PEKING, March 24.

A party of thirty-eight Japanese soldiers, who, forced to enter Mongolia from Siberia, tramped across the Gobi Desert and who were later assisted by automobiles sent by the Chinese authorities, have reached Peking.

CHINA RECOGNISES POLAND.

PEKING, March 24.

The Chinese Government has decided to recognise Poland as an independent State.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the China Mail.]

BIRMINGHAM LORD MAYOR
MURDERED.

LONDON, March 23rd. In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, replying to Lord Robert Cecil, said that he had no further information regarding the murder of the Lord Mayor of Cork.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor asked Mr. Macpherson whether a number of soldiers visited the residence and insisted on examining the whole premises despite the protests of the bereaved, and enquired if it was in order to destroy the evidence. (Loud cries of "Monstrous!" and "With draw!")

Mr. Macpherson replied reflecting the general sentiment of the latter part of the question—that it was a monstrous suggestion to condemn soldiers who were merely acting under orders.

Mr. J. Macveigh, "Police murder," Mr. Macpherson said, that if the authorities had not entered the scene an accusation would have been made against the British Government that it did not attempt to detect the murderer because the deceased was a Sinn Féiner. A thorough search was made in order to discover evidence likely to trace the murderer.

LONDON, March 23rd. In the House of Commons, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, replying to his statement—cabled yesterday—reflecting upon the conduct of the soldiers searching the Lord Mayor's house at Cork, said that Mr. Macpherson's subsequent explanation disposed of his remarks. The explanation, moreover, did the officer concerned great credit.

THREAT OF REVOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, March 23rd. Constitutional guarantees have been suspended in Salvador owing to a threatened revolution.

NEW SECRETARY OF STATE.

WASHINGTON, March 23rd. The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has reported favourably in connection with the nomination of Mr. Bainbridge Colby, as Secretary of State.

ROME-TO-TOKYO FLIGHT.

ROME, March 18th. A message from Calcutta of March 18th states that Lieutenant Ferrarini and Masiero have arrived there without a mishap and met with an enthusiastic reception.

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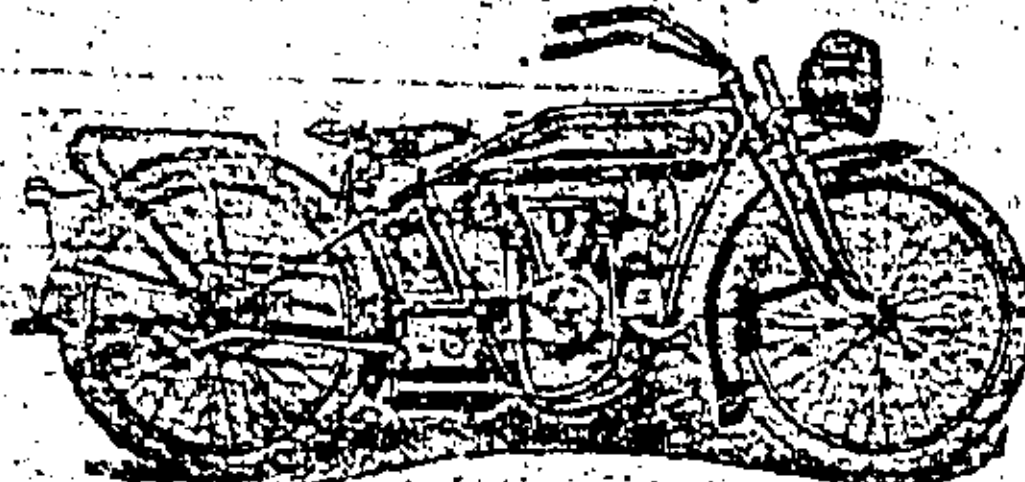
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BRITISH JUSTICE IN COLOGNE.

One of the most interesting features of Cologne life under British occupation is the Summary Court.

This is the special tribunal which disposes of offences committed by the military authorities. Such cases range over a fairly large gamut, and include theft, assault, surreptitious sale of liquor, being out of doors after hours, and travelling without permits.

The Summary Court is conducted very much on the lines of a police court at home. The military atmosphere, however, is preserved by having an officer for president and soldiers for gaolers.

Justice is administered with British promptitude and thoroughness. The accused having been placed in the dock, the charge is read and repeated by an interpreter.

Hans Schmidt, tramway conductor, Schilder Gasse, impertinence to an officer, is the first case.

Captain Jones, the witness, steps into the box and gives his evidence. "Anything to say?" inquires the president.

Hans Schmidt has a good deal to say. He is listened to with patience, but the judges are experts at disentangling legitimate excuses from wilful misconduct.

"Fined twenty marks" is the decision. "Be more careful in future. Next case!"

Wilhelm Stumpf, a fat and frightened-looking café proprietor, appears to answer a charge of keeping his establishment open after hours and selling liquor to soldiers. He is brimful of excuses. "All I want is to make a living," he murmurs tearfully. "You look over it, it's not too bad."

Two weeks' imprisonment, announces the president, who has already dealt with Herr Stumpf for the same offence and is getting tired of him. He knows, too, that any fine would merely be paid out of ill-gotten profits.

A very common charge dealt with by the Summary Court is that of "failing to salute an officer." Every uniformed German in Cologne (tramway conductors, railway porters, postal employees, and policemen) is required to salute a British officer whenever he sees one.

Most of them do so punctiliously. A few, however, appear to be suffering from a curious form of eye failure which enables them to pass

within a yard of an officer and yet fail to notice him. At any rate, this is the excuse commonly advanced when such a charge has to be met. The surest and quickest cure of this complaint is the imposition of a fine.

Influenced, probably, by the evil example of the ex-Crown Prince, a good many Germans have developed a taste for looting. Cases of theft are severely dealt with and a stiff term of imprisonment is always awarded.

Bad boys who appear before the Summary Court are dealt with in an appropriate fashion. Instead of imposing fines (which their parents have to pay) or sending them to prison, the court is empowered to direct that they be handed over to an expert sergeant of the military police who is instructed to acquaint them with the business end of a birch rod. This seems to be efficacious, as there is no record of a juvenile offender who has received this treatment coming up for it a second time.

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Hongkong, March 25, 1920.	
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20 days sight	99/6
4 months sight	99/6
Credit, 4 months sight	99/6
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On demand	1480
Credit, 4 months sight	1480
On New York—	90/—
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

DOINGS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, March 20.
The communists captured Essen after two days violent fighting. It is estimated that 300 were killed.

LONDON, March 20.
The federation of labour, wherein all political parties are represented, has submitted to government demands for the punishment of the Kapples, and for organised labour to take charge of armed agencies for the maintenance of law and order, the socialisation of coal and copper mines, and the retirement of Noske.

LONDON, March 20.
The general strike is ended. The workers' demands have been accepted by the government, which is making far-reaching concessions.

BERLIN, March 20.
Decrees issued by the imperial president proclaim Berlin and the province of Brandenburg to be in a state of siege. The police are empowered to search motorcars for unauthorized bearers of arms, who are to be shot on the spot. Extraordinary courts, martial are established.

LONDON, March 20.
The situation in Germany is unquestionably grave, although much remains obscure and chaotic. Communists are urging the workers to continue to strike relentlessly against the government and many quarters in Berlin predict the formation of a communist government within a few days. Meanwhile it appears that the Ebert-Bauer government has not returned to Berlin and the capital is at present leaderless. Fighting continues at Leipzig. A military aeroplane bombed the city. A second plane was shot down by the communists. Hitherto the Kilmarock staff at Berlin is safe but the embassy has been without flour or lighting for two days. Yesterday a bomb exploded outside the embassy. It is reported that the flight of Ludendorff was apparently a sequel to Bauer's denunciation in the national assembly, declaring that Ludendorff was one of the wire-pullers of the revolution, and proclaiming his intention to mete out stern punishment.

HAMBURG, March 20.
The troops were disarmed without bloodshed. The sailors hoisted the white flag on the cruisers Schwarzburg, Regensburg, and Wittelsbach.

U.S. RAILWAY MEN.

LONDON, March 25.
A conference has been called by President Wilson and is discussing the American railwaymen's demands for wage increases totalling two hundred millions sterling.

U.S. MUST RETAIN YAP.

WASHINGTON, March 25.
The Senate adopted without discussion a resolution proposed by Mr. Lodge asking President Wilson for information with regard to an announcement reported to have been made by the British foreign secretary that the island of Yap was to be given to Japan. Senator Lodge presented a letter from Mr. Ford, secretary of the American Asiatic Association, hoping that Congress would unite to protest against the passing of the administration of that island from the United States, as three Pacific cables radiated thence, and the control of the island is vital to American commerce in the Far East.

TURKEY'S LATEST.

LONDON, March 20.
It is reported that Turkey has concluded an offensive and defensive alliance with the republic of Azerbaijan. The alliance document provides for reciprocal assistance in the event of a foreign power attempting to establish a political, administrative, or economic protectorate over either. Both will refuse to sign the peace treaty or to disarm if the independence of Turkey be endangered or the independence of Azerbaijan be unrecognized. Turkey supplies munitions of war, trains, and Tartar troops. It is considered most likely that the Turkish nationalists arranged the terms of the alliance. Azerbaijan contains the provinces of Baku and Elizavetpol, including the Baku oilfields. It must not be confused with the Persian province of Azerbaijan.

DIDN'T HAPPEN.

LONDON, March 20.
The story of a thousand armed communists disarmed by British, as cabled on March 17, is denied at the War Office.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN LOANS.

WASHINGTON, March 20.
Mr. Davies, who has charge of the government's foreign loans, declared that the treasury is opposed to compounding interest on foreign loans. It is expected that the return on allied loans will be approximately 4.26 per cent.

FLYING STUNTS.

CALCUTTA, March 14.
The Australian airmen Lieutenants Macintosh and Farrer have arrived at Cairo on their way to Australia.

LONDON, March 25.
The Paris union of aeronautical industries dined the Japanese military aviation mission at Claridge's. The president of the union predicted a Paris-Tokyo journey shortly, to be accomplished in an aeroplane in six days by machines fitted with 900 horsepower motors with a new device enabling a uniform altitude of 10,000 metres and an average speed of 125 miles an hour. Each will carry fifteen passengers. He spoke sanguinely of the prospects of higher celerity, whereby Tokyo will be brought within one day of Paris. Mr. Nagoaka, the chief of the Japanese mission, replying, opined that the aeroplane will be the principal weapon in future war, and declared that disaster is awaiting the nation which has not forged this weapon for its defence in peace time.

SILVER

LONDON, March 25.
Montagu's report shows continued decline of prices. Due to large amounts of melted coin offered, there was coyness by buyers for China account, and uncertainty, owing to the vacillations of American exchange. There was a smart rally to-day, due to support from New York. As regards the silver position in China, an apparent increase of spot supplies notes-upcountry reduced. The saturation point might be reached temporarily but probably China will absorb much larger quantities of silver than before the war.

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The s.s. **COLOMBIA**, left San Francisco Mar. 6, and is due here via Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila Apr. 14.

The s.s. **IXION**, left Seattle Mar. 11 and is due here via Tientsin, Japan and Manila, April 20.

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The s.s. **ST. ALBANS**, left Melbourne Mar. 8 and is due here via Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island, Sandakan and Manila, Apr. 9.

FROM CALCUTTA.

The s.s. **GREGORY APCAR**, left Calcutta Mar. 10 and is due here via Rangoon, Penang and Singapore Mar. 25.

FROM MANILA.

The s.s. **IXION**, leaves Manila Apr. 18 and is due here Apr. 20.

The s.s. **PROTEUS**, leaves Manila May 7 and is due here May 9.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. **JAPAN**, leaves Kobe Mar. 22 and is due here via Moji Mar. 22.

The s.s. **KHIVA**, leaves Yokohama Mar. 25 and is due here via Kobe, Moji and Shanghai Apr. 3.

ARRIVALS.

March 26.
The s.s. **ANDRE LEBON**, Fr., 7,375 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. Cousin, Mc. Mc. & Co. K. Wharf.

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The s.s. **HAROLD DOLLAR**, Brit., 2,823 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. M. Bidley, R. Dollar, Ast.

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CLEARANCES.

March 26.
The s.s. **URAGA MARU** (Jap.), cleared to-day and will sail for Chin Wan Tao at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. **WENCHOW** (Brit.), cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. **INNSBRUCK** (Ital.), cleared to-day and will sail for Yokohama via Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

DEPARTURES.

March 26.
The s.s. **TAI-ZEMTA** (Chi.), Capt. Maher, Agents Yau Fat Co., left for Hoihow to-day.

The s.s. **HAIHONG** (Brit.), Capt. Pasmore, Agents D. L. & Co., left for Foochow via Swatow to-day.

The s.s. **TAMBA WARTU** (Jap.), Capt. Ikeno, Agents N.Y.K., left for Kobe via Shanghai to-day.

The s.s. **HAROLD DOLLAR** (Brit.), Capt. Bidley, Agents R. Dollar & Co., left for Singapore to-day.

The s.s. **NUWA MARU** (Jap.), Capt. Nakamura, Agents Sunrise & Co., left for Foochow to-day.

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SATURDAY, March 27.
Shanghai—Per ICHANG.
U.S.A., Canada and Shanghai—Per EMPRESS OF JAPAN.
Europe via Suva—Per KEEMUN.
Australia and Manila—Per OHANGSHA.
SUNDAY, March 28.
Japan—Per TANGU MARU.
Shanghai—Per SINKIANG.
MONDAY, March 29.
Japan—Per JAPAN.
TUESDAY, March 30.
Bombay & Straits—TENSIN MARU.
THURSDAY, April 1.
Japan—Per KATORI MARU.

OUTWARD MAIL.

FRIDAY, March 26.
Shanghai and North China—Per HUNAN, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Yokohama—Per INNSBRUCK, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per WENHONG, 5 p.m.
Haiphong—Per GEORGE, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, March 27.
Saigon—Per LAKE ONAWA, 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, L. Marquet, Egypt and EUROPE via LIVERPOOL—Per HEUTOR, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per CHINA, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, and North China—Per CHENAN, 3 p.m.
Japan via Kobe—Per FOOKSANG, 4 p.m.
SUNDAY, March 28.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per AMARU MARU, 9 a.m.
Saigon—Per HWAHUS, 3 p.m.
MONDAY, March 29.
Philippine Islands, Australia, and New Zealand via THURSDAY ISLAND—Per TANGU MARU, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via YOKOHAMA—Per EM. REGS OF JAPAN, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, and North China—Per HANGANG, 4 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai on the 24th March, left there on the 26th March and is due at Hongkong on the 27th March, 26 a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tango Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 24th March and is expected here on the 28th March.

The P. & O. s.s. *Albatross* left Moji for this port on the 24th instant at p.m. and is due here on the 29th instant at about a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tamaki Maru* (Punjab Line) left Hong Kong for this port via Singapore on the 11th March and is expected here on the 20th March.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Katori Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 14th March and is expected here on the 1st April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Nishina Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 6th April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tokyo Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 11th April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 15th April.

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